

Remarks

With entry of the present amendment, claims 19-23 are now pending. Claims 1-18 have been cancelled without prejudice to expedite issuance of a patent on the subject matter of allowable claims 19-21, as discussed below. Applicants reserve the right to present the cancelled claims in a continuation of the present application.

Applicants thank the Examiner for providing initialed Form 1449's for various Information Disclosure Statements filed in the application. Applicants also thanks the examiner for pointing out that six references were not available for viewing, in the IDS Filed October 2, 2001, and received by the USPTO on October 17, 2001. These six references were faxed to the Examiner on July 5, 2005 in a Supplemental IDS, and are included with this amendment, along with the Supplemental IDS as a convenience, and applicant respectfully requests that the examiner consider them. Furthermore, for convenience' sake a copy of the original form 1449 sent initially with the references is included with this amendment.

In the Action mailed June 16, 2005, the Office indicates that claims 19-21 are allowable. New claims 22 and 23 recite the same language as allowable claim 19, except that they are written in alternate claim formats drawn to separate statutory categories (i.e., device and method) under 35 U.S.C. § 101. All pending claims therefore should be considered allowable.

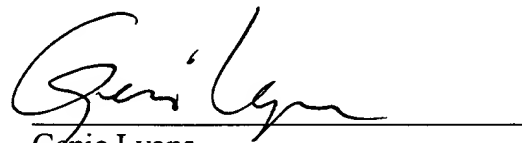
Conclusion

The application should now be in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully solicited.

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